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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Attorney Docket No. 1990.ALC

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS:** MAXIM, Joseph S. Jr.  
**SERIAL NO.:** 10/074 872 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1755  
**FILED:** 12 February 2002 **EXAMINER:** UNKNOWN  
**ENTITLED:** LATENT CROSSLINKING THICKENERS AND RHEOLOGY MODIFIERS

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**STATUS INQUIRY**


Dear Sir:

The last communication from the Office in the above captioned application was in the form of a corrected 'Notice of Publication of Application' mailed in August 2003. Applicants respectfully request information as to when a first action on the merits can be expected

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 12 May 2004

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